

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the amendments to the claims as herein presented. Following entry of this amendment, claims 44 and 46 are pending. Claims 1-43 have been cancelled. Claim 45 was presented in a prior response after final office action and was not entered.

New claim 46 includes subject matter that has already been examined. It is supported by page 31, paragraph [0107], page 32, paragraph [0109], page 33, paragraph [0111], page 35, paragraph [0113], and pages 35-36, paragraph [0114]. Entry of the amended claims, as well as reconsideration and allowance of all the pending claims are requested. Applicants reserve the right to pursue cancelled subject matter in future applications.

Objections and Rejections

Applicants submit that the enclosed amendments overcome all of the pending rejections and objections.

Rejection - Alleged Double Patenting

Claims 34-36 and 44 stand provisionally rejected under the double patenting doctrine in light of co-pending Application No. 10/771,695. Because neither application has issued, and because (assuming the instant amendments are acceptable) this is the only pending rejection in this case, applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn in this case and made in the '695 application.

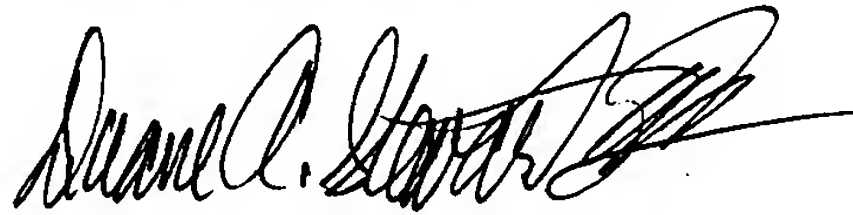
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments and remarks set forth in this paper place this application in condition for allowance and such action is courteously requested at an early date. Prompt and favorable consideration of this Response and Amendment is requested. Applicants reserve the right to file continuation applications directed to any and all of the subject matter that may have been cancelled during the prosecution of this case. Any cancellation is not acquiescence to any point of argument made in an Office Action.

It is believed that this application is currently in condition for allowance. If communication with the Applicants' representative would hasten allowance, the Examiner is asked to please call the undersigned before issuing another advisory action.

Respectfully submitted,

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